

Financial Statement Of County Clerk

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

SPECIAL TAX COLLECTOR.—Delinquent Taxes Fund.	
Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906.....	\$8 32
Commissions earned on delinquent taxes collected during the year.....	201 33
Commissions paid E. E. Studley, Collector.....	\$198 10
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906.....	11 55

INTEREST ON BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.	
Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906.....	\$ 919 04
Cash received during the year.....	6,511 97
Interest coupons paid by County Treasurer.....	\$4,489 00
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906.....	2,942 01

DELINQUENT TAX FUND.	
Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906.....	\$7,431 01
Transferred to General County Fund.....	\$430 20
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906.....	\$6,875 33

COUNTY TREASURER.	
Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906.....	\$ 976 66
Commissions earned by Co. Treasurer during year.....	5,898 67
Commissions paid Co. Treasurer during year.....	\$2,397 49
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906.....	4,477 84

COUNTY ASSESSOR.	
Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906.....	\$ 522 72
Commissions earned by Co. Assessor on county taxes collected, etc.....	3,309 95
Commissions paid Assessor during year.....	\$2,990 26
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906.....	842 42

COUNTY CLERK.	
Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906.....	\$13 50
Fees earned by Clerk during year.....	211 00
Fees paid Clerk during year.....	\$216 00
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906.....	8 50

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.	
Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906.....	\$224 50
Fees earned by District Attorney during year.....	\$13 18
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906.....	\$237 68

Colfax County Treasurer's Account

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906.....	\$41,699 22
Cash collected and received by County Treasurer from all sources during the year 1906.....	153,033 97
County and Court orders, School orders and Cash disbursements, amounts remitted other treasurers, Territorial and City, per details shown in other Accounts, during year.....	141 919 25
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906.....	\$2,813 91

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. BRACKETT,

Probate Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Colfax County, New Mexico.

DAWSON SHOWS PROSPERITY

It has long been known to investing capitalists that telegraph and post office receipts afford the very best business barometers of any city, town or section. For a long time past the government has been quick to recognize the postal needs and claims of any locality showing particularly rapid growth in its post office patronage. The people of this section were, however, agreeably surprised by the announcement that Dawson had been raised to the dignity of a presidential post office, with Tennessee C. Hill as the new postmaster.

The meeting of the bar association and the supreme court at Santa Fe this week pretty nearly depopulated the town of lawyers. The bar association will reconvene on Jan. 21.

RATON MEN BUY MINING PROPERTY.

Arthur Birolla has bought an third interest in the Market mining property up Bitter creek from Peter Ebbert of Raton. The other owners are L. O. Haberstick and Charles Rohr. Mr. Haberstick who has charge of the development work reports the property as improving.—Red River Prospector.

W. E. Gorton of Raton came down Sunday to look over the field here with a general merchandise store as his object. He returned Tuesday without stating his intentions but said he would return later.

E. L. Fugate and Mrs. Fugate and two children came to Cimarron last Sunday and spent a couple of days here stopping at the St. James hotel. Mr. Fugate is one Raton's leading business men having a large interest in two furniture stores there. Mr. Fugate has the business instinct well developed and it is hoped this town looked good to him.

From the Raton Range. New uses are appearing for the newspapers of the county every day. We note in another column a Chicago man finding a long-lost friend by writing to the Range, and Sunday morning a Cimarron man came in and asked for a copy of the new Cimarron paper, so that he could have something about him to identify himself in case of a railroad accident, while on a trip east.

RED RIVER NOTES.

(From the Prospector.)

E. C. Burns has charge of the assessment work of Mr. Hyatt on the Golden Treasure.

L. O. Haberstick of the Market mining property up Bitter creek, visited Elizabethtown over Sunday.

George Mallette is working the annual assessment on the Emma mining property on Copper mountain.

When in Elizabethtown call at the Miners' inn and get a "square meal."

B. J. Young, merchant at Elizabethtown, spent two or three days in town last week looking after his interest in camp.

J. A. Zwerger, superintendent of the Independence, was over from Elizabethtown Saturday to look after that property. He reports more snow in Elizabethtown than in Red River.

Edward Price returned last Saturday from the R. E. T. mining property up the river in Black Copper district, where he was doing the annual assessment. He found the snow quite deep and it took him about all day to come seven or eight miles.

The hotel owned by John Dunn at the Wamsley toll bridge was one day last week burned to the ground. They did not save any of the contents and it is a total loss to Mr. Dunn as we understand he had no insurance.

Eric Anderson writes C. H. Brigham from McCabe, Ariz., that wages in the mines are \$3.50 per day, and 225 men are working on the property he is working on. Board is a dollar

a day, room \$5 per month, coal \$12 per ton, fire wood \$12 per cord and lumber \$40 a thousand.

The price of copper is still going up. In Denver it is quoted over 23 cents and New York over 24 cents. It is believed by close observers that it will soon be in demand at 25 cents. Silver is again up to 70 cents with indications of still going higher.—Red River Prospector.

SOME RATON NEWS NOTES

From the Raton Range. H. R. Griebel of Cimarron came up from that town Sunday to meet Mrs. Griebel who came in on the Santa Fe that evening and accompanied her husband to Cimarron Monday where they will reside permanently. Mr. Griebel is employed with the Cimarron Town Site company.

Mrs. Dennis Gallagher, of Moreno Valley, is visiting her mother, Mrs. McGarvey, at Blossburg. At a reunion of the McGarvey family at Blossburg last week, Mrs. Gallagher presented her mother with a handsome and useful Quick Meal Range.

A. R. Hartsell, leading cattleman of Folsom, is spending a few days in the city looking after business interests.

Joe, Lowery, J. Pearson of Elizabethtown, and O. H. Brown of Raton, were initiated into the mysteries of Elkdom Thursday night. They stood the trip through the wilds fine, and now proudly wear the antlers.

Special Agent Frank Grygla of the government land office is in the city hearing the contest cases of M. and Patrick Flynn, whose homestead filings have been declared more valuable as coal land than for agricultural purposes.

Mr. Chas. Austen, formerly of this city, but for some time past a traveling salesman with headquarters at Phoenix, Arizona, has purchased stock in the Raton Supply Co.

He left Monday for a 60-day trip through Arizona, after which he will return with his family and make his home here permanently.

A pumping station is being completed for the Koehler Mine company by the Hobbs Hardware company of this city this week.

The laying of steel on the St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific railroad has been completed for twenty-four miles from Clifton House. The track laying outfit was moved Monday from the south end around over the Santa Fe to Trinidad, and thence over the C. & S. to Des Moines, where track laying commenced at once.

George H. Webster, of the Uracca ranch, Cimarron, spent Sunday in the city and left for Denver, where he will transact business for a few days.

Hobs Hardware company have a force of thirty-five men at work on the water works system of the Rocky Mountain Route at Martinez. The work will be completed this week, and then the track laying gang will begin at the Des Moines end and will lay twenty-one miles of track, for which the grade is now ready. Superintendent pelley is in charge of the water gang.

DANGEROUS WRECK NARROWLY AVERTED

Sunday forenoon fast train No. 7, on the Santa Fe, collided with a freight standing on the main track at Lamar, Colo., with disastrous effect to both engines.

No. 7 was running at the rate of about fifty-five miles an hour, and the engineer did not see the freight which was standing on the main track until within about two hundred yards. Rapid application of air and sand averted a very disastrous wreck. Both engine crews jumped just before the impact, and all escaped injury. Both engines were badly damaged, and were almost completely telescoped. From a statement of a passenger aboard No. 7, the freight train was set back for a distance of a hundred feet. The passengers on No. 7 were badly shaken up, and a few received bruises. Trains from the east were delayed several hours until the track could be cleared.

ENGINE TURNED TURTLE.

Engine No. 1219 struck the rear end of a freight at Earl, Monday morning, and turned turtle. No one was injured, and traffic was only delayed a few hours.

M. M. Chase of Cimarron was in Raton on business Monday.

Jim Lail was up from Cimarron Sunday and Monday.

Cimarron Mercantile Co.

The Big General Merchandise Store

We are just receiving and have in stock at our warehouse a nice line of iron beds, mattresses, springs, wire woven couches also stoves

SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

42-piece dinner set, neat pattern, white with pink flowers, \$4.35

Men's sheep-lined coats with wombat collar \$5.00, regular \$6.50 value.

Men's cordnry pants, extra large sizes \$2.05, regular, \$2.50 and \$3.00 goods.

CIMARRON MERCANTILE COMPANY

Cimarron, New Mexico

failure. Everywhere they went they stayed and succeeded.

And this has been going on until today there is no use discussing the question of whether it will be open range or a government lease law for the public ranges, because in five years more such as the past five have been, the open range will have ceased to exist—will have become as extinct as the buffalo. Already the stockman along the eastern portion of New Mexico have read the handwriting on the wall. They see their finish and have been steadily reducing their holdings.

With the first great wave of settlers in western Texas came an influx into New Mexico's ranges of Texas cattlemen driven out by the farmers. Here they surely thought they would be safe from the granger. But alas! they are on the move again and this time it is on the trains in stock cars bound for the packing houses.

Western New Mexico, which is all that part of this great territory west of the Rio Grande, is so far free from any very great number of settlers, but is, however, stocking up just about as heavily as it can safely be. The western half, however, is so rough and uninviting from a farmer standpoint that it is hard, even in the light of recent developments to believe it will ever fall under the influence of the breaking plow. Yet who can tell what these land hungry men from the east will do?

Estancia Valley of New Mexico.

Five years ago the great Estancia valley in central New Mexico was one vast unbroken sheep range. There was no surface water, no springs, no creeks and not a dozen people living on its entire extent. Then some wild easterners came along and built a railroad through it. "Idiot," we all cried, "what on earth can a railroad get to haul out of that country?" "What," we cried, "Farm the Estancia plains? What a joke that would be. Why one good hungry cow would eat all they could raise there in the whole valley."

Today, thanks to the immigration agent, every acre of the valley for sixty miles or more is taken up by eastern farmers, who have raised for three years past as good crops of corn, kaffir and sorgum, as can be raised anywhere. And the stockmen? Why they are hardly out of the dazed condition that they fell into when things began to happen.

But meantime New Mexico is por-

pering. Such settlers as we have been receiving are a welcome addition to any commonwealth. They all bring money with them with which they purchase tools, lumber and make improvements. There is little of the pioneering in their settling up of the country. None of the suffering that the early settlers in western Kansas underwent. New towns are springing up like magic where a few years ago were only wastes of sheep and cattle ranges. And one must be wide awake, indeed, to keep track of them, so fast are they being brought into being. New railroads are building to accommodate these changed conditions and others are planned to still further settle up the country. In the end New Mexico will have more sheep and cattle than ever before.

Millions of Cattle and Sheep.

True, the great herds, which have for centuries ranged over these plains will have gone, but in their place will be hundreds and thousands of settlers each with his little bunch of live stock, which in the aggregate will equal, if not exceed, the great herds they have displaced. New Mexico has today, in round numbers, 5,000,000 sheep and 1,000,000 cattle. She probably shipped out in the year 1906 a million and a half sheep and 200,000 cattle. Our stock generally has been graded up very steadily in late years. Six or eight years ago the average shearing of a New Mexico sheep was three pounds. Today it is about six pounds and the staple is better and the sheep that wear it much heavier.

Five or six years ago a New Mexico bunch of lambs that averaged forty pounds were considered top notchers. Last year thousands were sold under contract to weigh sixty-eight or seventy pounds at loading.

In cattle the improvement has been as great and the long horned Mexican stag has given way to the trim built, well-shaped and well-grown Hereford or Shorthorn.

More Coal Than Pennsylvania.

As for coal, New Mexico has more coal than the state of Pennsylvania. All the northern portion of the territory is one vast coal deposit. There are lots of mines opened already and the number would be doubled if the men to work them could be found.

Irrigation Work in Nile of America.

In the line of government irrigation works, the government has just

begun on the largest one yet planned under the irrigation law. It is the great Elephant Butte dam in the Rio Grande valley which, when finished will be the largest in the world by many feet and will bring under cultivation hundreds of thousands of acres of the most fertile land in the world, the great Rio Grande valley above El Paso for a hundred miles, a valley that has been farmed for 300 years and for fertility and extent has been called the "Nile" of America.

The Open Range is Gone.

And so, practically, has passed out of existence the "open range" in the southwest. There will be little need of government control of the open ranges from now on. The farmer and small stock raiser will take care of the question. There will be double the number of live stock on the same ranges and they will be a better class, and better cared for. The man with ten thousand head will pass out of the game and in his place will come ten men with a thousand head each who will provide feed for every animal they own during the winter months and no more will the reports come of heavy losses on the open range for want of feed. The change will be for the best from every point of view and the southwest will continue to be in the future, as it has been in the past, the breeding ground for the whole United States.

ELIZABETHTOWN NOTES.

From Red River Prospector: Will McIntire of the Deep Tunnel, is spending the winter at Long Branch, California.

Baron Ph Zulen returned from Raton and other points the latter part of last week pleased to again be at home.

The Golden Era people have their winter quarters completed and are now busy working the mine and taking out some fine ore.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Bess and son, returned from Kentucky, last Friday. They have been visiting the doctor's parents and other relatives for the past month.

Jack McIntire, a brother of the McIntire Brothers of the Deep Tunnel, arrived from Iowa last week and will we understand take an interest in that company with his brothers.

The organ for the school building and other public gatherings has been ordered and is expected soon. The people were very liberal in their help in buying the organ.